

## THE LASER 200

From the land of the Rising Tower Block, Hong Kong, comes a small colour computer called the Laser 200. You may have seen one on show at the Computer Fair: now *Computing Today* has taken delivery of one for our usual in-depth hardware review.

First impressions are of a competitor aimed at the ZX Spectrum, still the leading contender at an end of the market where open warfare is breaking out. Read *Computing Today* next month to find out how it measures up.

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## Textet TX8000

Price: £98 (soon to be relaunched as Laser for £70)

Use: Home

RAM: 4K

Colour: Yes

CP/M: No

Language: Basic

Interface: Own

Supplier: Textet 061 486 9231

**For:** Low price, fair Basic as long as graphics aren't important, choice of conventional or one-key programming.

**Against:** Poor graphics (128 by 48), no sound, below-par internal construction could cause long-term reliability problems.

**Conclusion:** The same price as a Spectrum, but much less capable. Software is promised for early release, but even the best programmers will find it hard to produce the kind of arcade game so important for the home market. And save £30 by waiting for the Laser.

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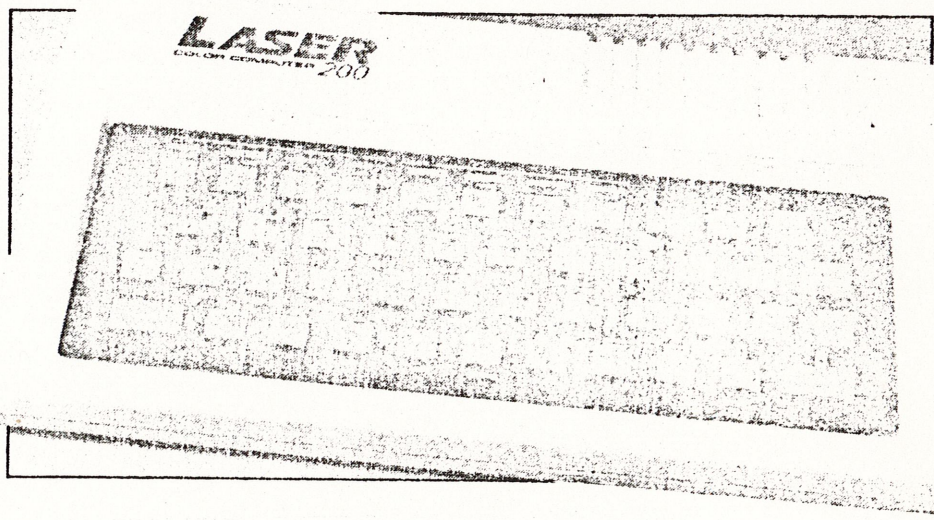
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New on the computer scene is the Laser 200 computer, and we'll be taking the lid off it in the **January** issue of *Personal Computing Today*.

Weighing in price wise at £70 for the basic computer console which has a cream plastic case with a brown keyboard made of the same plastic material as the ZX Spectrum. The **Laser 200** is a colour computer but the main drawback is that it only comes with 4K of memory on board. For £30 you can buy a 16K extension RAM pack which plugs neatly into the back of the main console.

Produced in Hong Kong it is being distributed in Britain by Leisure Zone, an associated company of Video Technology and is on sale through retail outlets. According to our street-wise spys the Laser 200 is selling remarkably well.

Look out for the January *Personal Computing Today* to find out what the Laser 200's rays are really like.



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Aust V2200 has 8K RAM  
— 6K usable.